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The Show Goes On

The evenings are drawing in, but there's still plenty of sailing for everyone. The Potter Ship is the one race that everyone with a sailing boat can enter and enjoy and will take place on Saturday 1st October. There are the winter cruising meets and who knows, we might get some good weather this autumn after being blown all over the place in the summer. Movie and quiz nights start up and there will be plenty of opportunities to try out our new Head Chef's recipes.

Ann Brunskill

House

Staff

Many Members will know of Head Chef Peter Lowe's retirement after 42 years of service to the Club. Do come to the bar at lunchtime on Saturday September 10th to thank him and wish him well for the future. If you haven't done so already, you may still contribute to his leaving present by contacting the office.

Matt Doe takes over as Head Chef, he will have been working with Peter for a few days to familiarise himself with the workings of the kitchen and start to get to know Members in the coming weeks.



Library

New Forest Interiors are due to fit new curtains in the Library, completing the Library Doors project, in mid September.

Club Cards and Security

For those few Members who have not yet exchanged their old Club Cards for new ones, please do so at the office as soon as possible.

When the racing season begins to wind down and the nights draw in we will implement the card access system to keep the Club secure in the evenings. The old cards do not allow access.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

New Members' Evening - Friday 14th October



New Members meet New Head Chef Matt Doe

An invitation to all our recent new Members and their proposers (and partners of course) to a special informal evening at the Club on Friday 14th October to introduce them to the Club and its Flag Officers. It's a great chance for the Provisional Members to meet other Club Members. Matt will come out and go round the tables to say hello.

Racing - two important dates in October

POTTER SHIP
Saturday 1st October 11



We changed the format for the Potter Ship last year to an average lap format which proved very popular, with over 60 entries and we will be repeating it this year along with an extra class to make it even fairer for everyone. Whether you are a cruiser or a racer this is a great chance for everyone in the Club to take part and compete for the wonderful Potter Ship Trophy. The race will be held on Saturday morning with the prizegiving held in the bar at lunchtime. Contact the office if you need a Club handicap which can easily be arranged and entry forms will be available soon.

Annual Racing Prize Giving Party on Saturday 15th October

Following a great summer of racing, the prize giving party will be held on Saturday 15th October. It was a fabulous party last year and, of course, you don't need to have won anything to come along! We have another great band lined up and it promises to be a sell-out again this year. Don't miss out! Contact the [office](#) for tickets.

I look forward to seeing you at both events.

Chris Neve, Captain of Racing

Prince Phillip Cup 2011, Saturday 10th September

This event is run by Seaview Sailing Club and the trophy was presented by His Royal Highness back in 1956 with the aim of ensuring good relations between all clubs who use the Solent. His Royal Highness still takes a keen interest in the event, he was particularly pleased to see the increased level of participants in 2010 from previous years, and every year he makes comments to Seaview about the clubs that have taken part and the results. This year I have selected Phillip Lawrence our RCS, Rory Paton and Andy Roberts to represent our Club. They will race in identical Seaview Mermaids with six races over the day and each crew member being required to helm two races. We wish them good luck.

Chris Neve, Captain of Racing

Social

An early warning that the social season begins in October with the first event being Movie Night on Tuesday 4th October. We begin with the Oscar winning "The King's Speech". Monthly Quiz Nights, with quizmaster Vince Sutherland, start on Thursday 6th October. Fortnightly Bridge Suppers start again on Monday 10th October. There will be more details of these and all the other Social events in next month's ePN, on the noticeboard and on the Club website.

Erratum:

There will not be a Laying Up Supper on Saturday 8th October as advertised in last month's ePN, apologies but this was published in error.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

Cruising - Forthcoming Events

Bucklers Hard Meet - Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September

We are repeating last year's popular visit to Bucklers Hard, with a BYO barbeque below the Master Builder on Saturday evening after a foregathering with no formal arrangements on the previous day. All the details are on the notice board and on the cruising [website](#).

Proposed Cruise to Holland in 2012 - 0945 Friday 30th September

A meeting of all those who have expressed an interest in the cruise has been arranged at 0945 hrs at the Club, prior to the Cruising Forum, to make preliminary arrangements. Will anyone who has not previously expressed an interest please contact [me](#) and I will add you to the database and let you have further details of the meeting.

Cruising Forum - 1100 Friday 30th September - date changed

Please note the change of date from the published programme, because there is too much pressure on space in the Club on 15th October. The time remains the same, 1100 hrs. The purpose of the Forum is, as last year, to review the year's cruising season and to find out from cruising Members the places they would like to visit, the types of meet favoured and their favourite cruising destinations. So, please come

along to the meeting and let us have the benefit of your thoughts.

[Gins Farm Meet - Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October](#)

Our last meet of the season will again be to the Beaulieu River, with supper on Saturday evening at the Royal Southampton Yacht Club. All the details are on the notice board and on the cruising [website](#). Tickets are available at the office.

[Winter Meet - Tuesday 18th October](#)

The first of our monthly winter meets will be to either Cowes or the Hamble for lunch and return afterwards on the ebb tide. Details will be published shortly.

[Charts](#)

Recent editions of Imray charts for Atlantic and Mediterranean Spain, the Balearics, Sardinia and Western Mediterranean passage planning, together with the RCC Pilotage Foundation Pilot - Atlantic France (2010), as well as newer editions of UKHO Thames Estuary folio sets, some UKHO Greece and Croatia charts and the Croatian Hydro Institute folios have been added to the [Chartroom](#) library.

[Classic Book Collection](#)

Now that the refurbishment of the Library is nearing completion the current collection has been placed in the bookcase in the Library. Please have a look at it and add to the collection if you can. From small beginnings.....

Richard Wood, Captain of Racing

Cruising - Reports

Baltic Cruise

Two Halberg Rasseys 342 were chartered from the British Kiel Yacht Club (BKYC) by Club Members; one headed up by John Stork and the other by David Houlton. The BKYC is a service club which was established at Kiel in 1947 from windfall yachts previously owned by the Luftwaffe.



They now have a fleet of 10 HR 342s available for family charter during the month of August which includes past member of the Armed Forces. The charter lasted for a week from 1st to 8th August. We were blessed with good weather and wind and carried out a leisurely cruise around the Southern Danish islands of Fyn, Aroskobing and also Sonderburg on the Danish mainland in Jutland. The boats were only six months old and in excellent condition. Some first class sailing was had by all. It must have been a success as most of the participants are talking of going back again

next year.

David Houlton

Members' Art Exhibition 11th to 13th November

The Art Exhibition has been running at the Club for many years, this year at the slightly later date of 11th-13th November. It is an ideal opportunity to invite all Club Members of any age and with amateur status, to exhibit works of art for the enjoyment of the Club, and for those who may not have had a chance before to show their artistic ability. Exhibits can be of any medium and of any subject.

Photographs are not eligible.

A contribution to the RNLI is made from works sold. We look forward to viewing your paintings, sculptures and works of art. Entries to be handed in to the Club on Wednesday 9th November. For further details, please contact [Bridget Atkin](#).

Youth Week

A hundred and fifty children and a hundred and thirty volunteers turning up at the Club's door for the fourth and wettest day of this year's Youth Week would have caused many a stalwart individual to head for the nearest exit. But Amanda Dingwall takes all these things in her stride and says organising Youth Week is like completing a jigsaw puzzle. The pieces are made up of race teams and crews on patrol

ribs, finish boats and motherships, in the race office, running the tally board, the kiosk keeping children and adults alike happy, and the slipway team led by Sebastian Chamberlain. (Picture shows the Tera Fleet)



This year the main fleets racing were restricted to Teras, Laser 4.7s and Advanced Optimists. Race Officers Clare Carden and Chris Baldwick ran this with their teams and safety support led by Kristy Powell and Griff Watkins. Twenty seven Scows with eighty one children on board enjoyed competitive racing with their Race Officer Fran Wilson and her team, with safety cover led by Peter Phillips. (Picture shows the pirates invading the slipway on the last day)

Principal Race Officer Jenny Wilson had the overview of the whole event on and off the water and Andrew Eady did an excellent job as Event Safety Officer. Stuart Jardine is retiring as Race Officer for the Optimist B Fleet but hopes he has a successor in Steve Green. Stuart and Mary Ann with

Peter and Jayne Burchell . have been an inspiration for many young sailors. Lawrence Doll was safety officer for this fleet and did a marvellous job both at the Salterns and the Club.

The social events committee, led by Shireen Crowe, provided evenings at the Sea Water Baths, at Keepings Farm, thanks to James and Belinda McGill, and at East Boldre House with thanks to our Commodore Rod Perry and Sue. Bacon butties were a welcome start to every morning and thanks to Barbara and Doug for ensuring a cheerful start to each day. Marian Smith provided packed lunches for an extra day this year and with her team catered for over 400 lunches (including the Pirate King and Queen on the right).



The Joules Trophy for the best helm was awarded to Issy Moyles sailing her Optimist ' Opi Wan Kenobi' .(Picture left) The Class winners were:

Scow Gold Fleet – Thank Havens – Max Moyles (Helm) Sebastian Coombes and Finley Bradford

Scow Silver Fleet – Salty Dawg – Amelia Williams (Helm) Charlotte Slater and Catherine Stocker

RS Tera Fleet – Teradactyl – Liam Willis (Helm)

Laser 4.7 – Ross Mackley

Oppi A – Opi Wan Kenobi – Issy Moyles

Oppi B – Thomas Rockett

Fleets

RS Elites

Lymington boats at the RS Elite Nationals 2011

Three boats from our fleet made the trip north to the Royal Forth YC for the National Championships in late July and special mention should go to our new boy, Simon Cavey and his team, in Livez for several great performances in a very light wind series – at one stage lying 6th overall. Martin & Amanda Wadhams in RSsailing.com lay 2nd all through the regatta until a cliff-hanger final race when they needed one more boat between them and the opposition so chose to roll the dice and bang a corner in a last desperate attempt at glory. Let's just say that 4th overall means gambling is perhaps not their greatest strength... Congratulations to the Brown family from the Royal Burnham YC for lifting the trophy for the second time.

Royal Lymington winners in the Elite class at Cowes Week

There was drama in the Elite class even before Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week began this year, with the fleet depleted by a whole series of injuries including Crauford McKeon having an emergency major eye operation two days before the regatta (perhaps explains one or two of his dodgy time on distance calls in the last year); Peter Lister with an ankle in plaster; a bad back in a Hayling boat and a broken rib (the only sailing injury) on a Cowes boat among others! The first four days were raced for the beautiful new Southern Area Championship trophy and there was another cliff-hanger – this time between gold medallist Pippa Wilson and team in Matterhorn Jack and RSsailing.com. It looked as though RS had it in the bag until E'Tu dropped their kite into the tide at the last mark of the series

allowing Matterhorn Jack to gain a place, draw level on points and win on countback! Congratulations to them – first to have their names engraved on the trophy. R5sailing.com got its own back when, after a change of crew, the boat helmed by Paul Fisk went on to win the week overall from the new National Champions in 2nd and Steve Powell's E'Tu in 3rd.

Social diary

Next event on the Lymington fleet's calendar is a barbeque (oh - and class meeting) at Fleet Captain Steve Powell's beautiful Ladycross Lodge in early September. Never mind the sausages, the canapés prepared by the lovely Beans will be spectacular – they always are.

Martin Wadhams

Optimists, August 2011

It's official, and I suppose we knew it all before: that Lymington or, more precisely, the Royal Lymington Yacht Club has the finest girls in the land. Is it the sea air, the enviable micro-climate or the scintillating conversation of the gentlemen, but we have somehow managed to breed and/or attract a horde of fillies who are taking the sailing world by storm!

Nearly 50 oppie sailors travelled from Lymington to Pwllheli for the 50th British and Open National Championships in early August, and were treated to a full week of glorious weather, warm clear waters off a long sweep of a sandy beach and one design racing at its best – a fleet of almost 500 identical boats. In Senior Gold Fleet our top sailor was Max Moyles (21st) with Mimi El-Kazindar (23rd) and Karyna Manuel (24th) battling it out to be top girl, with Lauren Miles and Jenny Cropley not far behind. In the Silver Fleet top Brit was Sophie Hempzell.

In the Juniors (U13) Worlds Team member Milo Gill-Taylor beat everyone, including very strong teams from Spain and USA to win outright. Of the girls the top five were all from Lymington; Pippa Cropley, Milly Boyle, Vita Heathcote, Ella Bennett and Hattie Rogers. Fine performances were also noted for Robbie King (8th) and Ross Banham (12th). In the Silver Fleet Ross Thompson secured 2nd while Alexandra Schonrock was top girl in 3rd.

Optimist sailors and teams from USA, India, Bermuda, Norway and Great Britain descended upon Howth, Co Dublin for the Irish National Championships. 12 races were sailed over five long days in a full range of conditions with a very high standard of racing and tremendous hospitality. Again it was in the Junior Fleet (U13) that the Lymington sailors showed their strength, securing half of the top 20 slots, with Milo Gill-Taylor (2nd), Benno Marstaller (5th) and Ross Banham (7th). First overseas girl was Vita Heathcote (12th) with team mates Milly Boyle (14th), Hattie Rogers (16th) and Ella Bennett (17th) next in line.

Next up is the Welsh Optimist Championships in Cardiff Bay, and this will round off a month of hard racing. The sailors appear more battle-triumphant than battle-weary and can justifiably feel satisfied with their efforts. A great deal of thanks is owed to the Club for their efforts to support these young sailors who are all trying their not so little hearts out.

George Heathcote

XOD Fleet

The XODs celebrated their Centenary with 145 boats competing at Cowes including 28 boats from Lymington - by far the largest fleet to have ever been seen at Cowes Week. Adrian Summers, Ian Paton and Johnny Mordant in Excalibur held their position throughout the week to finish a very credible 2nd overall. Ben Paton, Simon McCarthy and Adam Richards in XL finished 5th overall and Beatrix (William Norris), Mayday (David da Cunha), Lucrezia (Adrian Jardine) and Xpeditious (James Markby) were in the top 20 which is no mean achievement in such a large fleet. On Thursday Princess Anne fired the Starting Gun from the Squadron for a downwind start, as it was too rough to the West with 30 knots and wind over tide, which was a spectacle if not a little hairy at the first mark. The penultimate day saw an improvement in the weather with a gentle South Westerly and the finish was at the Squadron with a close run along the beach on Cowes Green, dodging the rocks and fighting to keep clear air for his spinnaker. Stuart Jardine - Lone Star - gained his first win of the week with Ado Jardine - Lucrezia - in third place.



Picture from RICK TOMLINSON of XL, Excalibur and Beatrix

Fenella Lees

Nordic Folkboats

The Thursday evening keelboats late series has concluded with Tak, Crackerjack and Good Shepherd taking the honours in that order followed by Scaramouche and Aurora. It has been an interesting series with some excellent windward/Leeward courses set in somewhat difficult conditions.

The Royal Solent Tattling Regatta held over the week-end of the 20th/21st August provided a warm up for Folkboat week and it was encouraging to see some different names at the top namely, Padfoot brought home skilfully sans owner/ skipper by its crew followed by Nordic Bear and Crackerjack.

Folkboat Week 22nd to 27th August

The long Solent race started the event. Light airs and a flood tide provided the usual mental torture (some call it therapeutic!) in deciding which side of the channel to go for the beat back from East Lepe and then Solent Bank the final leeward mark. Crackerjack took the honours followed by Tak, Nordic Bear, Riot, Aurora and Paloma. On day 2 two short races along the shoreline followed by a tortuous navigational exercise round the inshore marks saw Crackerjack and Tak coming out on top. Day 3 provided a very keenly contested crews/ladies race and it was a pleasure to see the current generation of the Husband family ably represented by young Poppy take the honours for the ladies, with equal congratulations to Joe Blachford for the crews.

Three short windward/leeward courses provided an opportunity for helmsmen and crews to perfect their handling skills on day 4 with Tak winning. Aurora, Strider and Samphire were in close pursuit to keep the leaders on their toes. Day 5's Christchurch Ledge race was the second long race. Crackerjack triumphed followed closely followed by Padfoot, Tak, Nordic Bear, Samphire and Strider. Tak, having taken the wrong line into the Needles, made a brilliant recovery to take third place. The final day was sailed in a brisk South Westerly and the race committee very wisely set two short, but testing, courses along the Yarmouth shoreline. Crackerjack and Tak again had fierce competition from Nordic Bear, Strider and Aurora. Indeed it was refreshing to see these three along with Padfoot and Samphire giving the leaders no reason to be complacent. A most enjoyable week with good sailing a fine turnout of 36 boats in the open division and sensible course management.

John Whyte

Since going to print an unfortunate technical error has resulted in Crackerjack honourably retiring from the 1st race with a result that takes Tak to 1st place overall.

Racing Successes

Feva World Championships

Congratulations to Jess Eales, who with Anna Prescott, did really well coming 14th in the Gold Fleet.

ISAF World Championships, Zadar, Croatia

Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox finished 7th overall and had a chance of a podium position going into the final day. Shifty and tricky conditions all week made it a very hard event for the GBR squad. Click for [Results](#) and the full [report](#).

National 18 Championships - Cork

The National 18 may seem a niche class and numbers of boats have not grown hugely since Uffa Fox introduced the design in 1936.

However 52 turned out for our Championships in Cork from 24th to 29th July this summer. Of the eight travelling from England, two came from Lymington, Folly (John Curtus, LTSC) and Rhapsody from the Club. The fleet was split with 17 "Classics" racing in the harbour, and the 35 "Ultimates" outside. The week was blessed with good weather and winds varying from Force 0 to 5. Racing in the Ultimate fleet was very close and competitive, and to get a top 10 result in any of the eight races meant zero errors. The Championship was decided between two local boats. Rhapsody finished 15th and 1st English boat, and was credited with one top ten result, one capsized and one very successful port tack flier! As ever the Royal Cork Yacht Club were extremely hospitable.

Centred on the RCYC clubhouse and the lawns outside the social side was brilliant. Picture shows - On the lawn outside the Royal Cork Yacht Club, the crew of "Rhapsody" pose on top of the push car which is painted in the Class colours (code flag R). Left to right: Ollie Houseman, Kaan Yargici, Max and Jeremy Vines



RNLI

Car Boot and Boat Jumble Sale - Sunday 18th September 9.30 am - 1 pm

Woodside Park, Rookes Lane. For further details or to donate boat jumble contact David Codling 01590 676706.

Social Evening with Supper 6.30 for 7 pm Thursday 22nd September

Speaker Lord Strathcarron 'The life of Mark Twain'. At the Club. Tickets £16 from Dorothy Bishop 01590 677102 or Marie Mudie 10590 673473.

Lifeboat Souvenir Shop

The shop is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 12 pm to 4 pm.

Christmas Card Sale - Sunday 30th October 11.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Club

Monday 31st October - Bridge Drive and Ploughman's Lunch

Lymington Town Sailing Club, lunch £38 per table, booking essential so call Sandra Allpress on 01590 634268.

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Ann Brunskill

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